

This report covers flu surveillance activities for the 28 counties that comprise Health Service Region 8: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Calhoun, Comal, Dewitt, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Jackson, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, La Vaca, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Wilson, and Zavala.

Flu Activity:

Compared to last week, flu activity is slightly decreased. Twenty-two counties submitted reports this week, with 4 counties reporting no flu activity. Fourteen counties reported the presence of ILI, nine counties reported flu by rapid test, and two counties reported flu by PCR.

Pediatric Deaths:

None during this reporting period.

Institutional & School Outbreaks

No outbreaks reported during this period.

Antiviral Resistance

No antiviral resistant flu reported.

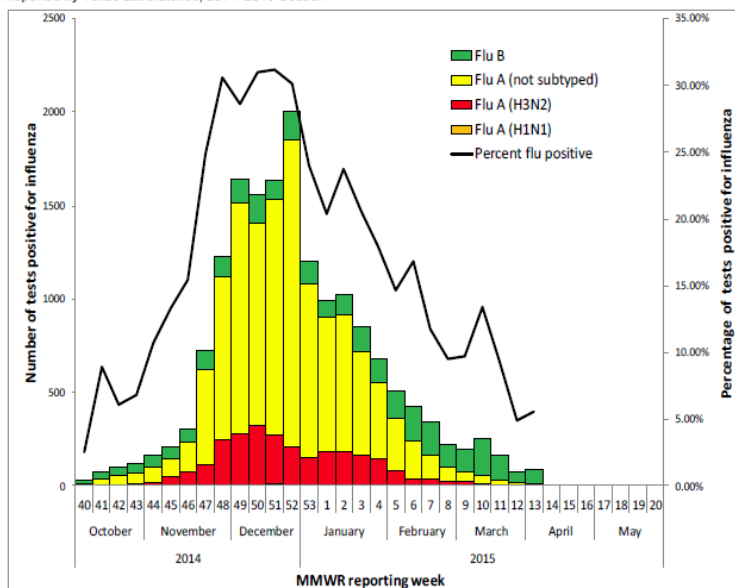
Variant Influenza Viruses

No variant or novel influenza viruses have been detected in Texas.

Flu Notes

Most flu cases in the 2014-2015 flu season have been caused by the H3N2 strain, often associated with more severe illness and more hospitalizations and deaths. DSHS tracks the number of pediatric deaths due to the influenza. So far this season, 13 Texas children have died from the flu.

Figure 1: Number and Percentage of Tests (Antigen, Culture, PCR) Positive for Influenza by Type and Subtype Reported by Texas Laboratories, 2014–2015 Season



Percentage of Visits Due to Influenza-like Illness Reported by Texas ILINet Participants, 2011–2015 Seasons

